

was finally captured when returning to the American lines. Because of incriminating papers that he had in his position, the British knew that he was a spy.

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It is said that his cousin, a British sympathizer under Howe's command, betrayed him. So Howe ordered Hale to be hanged the following day without trial.

On September 22, 1776, American patriot Nathan Hale was hanged for spying on British troops. His famous last words, I regret that I have but one life to give to my country.

Mr. Speaker, an amazing breed these early Americans. So this July 4th we should pledge to ourselves and our Nation that no matter the cost, we who live here now will not ever allow the flame of liberty or the flag of freedom to quietly disappear from our land, a land that God has shed His grace upon.

And that's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT WILL CREATE GREEN JOBS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I want to take this time to say to the distinguished Speaker that I have enjoyed working with him and I thank him for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I love America. There is no better country. And I think it is well to express it at the same time of acknowledging the importance of the world family and the respect and dignity that all people around the world deserve.

So as I stand before my colleagues today recognizing that in a few days we will celebrate America's birthday, it reminds me of the uniqueness of this country, that we have the opportunity to agree and disagree but that democracy stands. We have an opportunity to show people what they disbelieve. We have an opportunity to correct what others may have had a chance to misrepresent.

So it is important that we had a vigorous debate today on the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. It is important that we respect the differences of our regions, my good friends on the other side of the aisle, Midwesterners, Southwesterners, people from the west coast, the east coast,

the southeastern part of the United States, our friends as far away as Hawaii and Alaska.

But it is important to note that there was a value that we were discussing. It was not a value to eliminate jobs, to punish certain regions or certain industries. For having been an oil and gas lawyer for a number of years, having worked in natural gas pipeline companies, I know the value of all of the hard work of those who are in that industry. In fact, it has been my argument that we should have a seamless energy policy that continues to enhance and to work with those who are existing in our energy industry today, but let's make it better.

Mr. Speaker, when the Wright Brothers created that small plane, almost a glider, in the Carolinas, it probably was flown by one person. But as we improved, we began to do jetliners and planes that could fly across the ocean, and we created jobs: pilots, flight attendants, airlines, and all the employees that come with it. So, in essence, even as our technology changes, jobs may change but jobs are created.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act will create some 1.7 million jobs and will unlock billions in industry investment and be a major job creator. And \$750 per household will, in fact, be part of the savings that many Americans will see. This doesn't include the new benefits that will come from new technology, reduced pollution, economic growth, or job creation.

I live in Houston. I live in the refinery corridor. So we know what pollution is all about, but we know what jobs are all about. So I believe we can have both.

This is the first step for this bill, Mr. Speaker. It moves to the Senate. And I have told my constituents that you have a guardian against the loss of jobs and that you will see savings, \$29 billion in consumer savings. The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy found that energy-efficiency provisions in this bill will save \$29 billion. It is important to note as well that we have the opportunity to listen and change.

Let me just share with you some of the work after reading the bill until 5:30 a.m. in the morning on Thursday morning, reading the manager's amendment, which could actually be done, and knowing what is in front of us.

First of all, I discussed and got taken out the impact of building labeling on old buildings, old homes. So the bill was limited to new construction. And we are going to work to ensure that if they do a building-labeling program, as was brought to my attention by the National Realtors, that old buildings, old homes will not be labeled. Your value will not be devalued because of a lack of energy-efficiency efforts in

your home. We worked on that because we believe a home is to be cherished.

Then we opened up the opportunities to minority-owned and women-owned businesses, along with small businesses, to ensure that they would be guaranteed the right to be involved in energy-innovative companies. We did that because we were concerned about creating jobs and we know that small businesses do create jobs.

In addition, I was concerned about displacement, temporary displacement, even though some of these jobs, 1.7 million, will come to my community. So we have language that says the Secretary of Labor will monitor the potential growth of impacted and displaced workers to ensure that necessary funding, funding for training, funding for giving people a bridge to go into a new job, will be, in fact, included. We know that there are issues between big refineries and small refineries. Mr. Speaker, it is crucial that those issues be addressed as we make our way through the Senate.

We also know that the energy industry was divided. Some were supporting this legislation. Others were taking a backseat. Now they've come full circle and they believe that this is a time that they should rally to provide information.

Mr. Speaker, as I close, let me just say we are going to work this bill. We're not going to lose jobs. We are going to have an investment of green jobs and we're going to have an investment in our energy industry. And Houston will be fine. Texas will be fine. We will be working together.

REVISION TO ALLOCATIONS FOR CERTAIN HOUSE COMMITTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND THE PERIOD OF FISCAL YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, under section 323 of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, I hereby submit a revision to the budget allocations and aggregates for certain House committees for fiscal year 2010 and the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2014. This adjustment responds to House consideration of the bill H.R. 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. A corresponding table is attached.

This revision represents an adjustment for the purposes of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended. For the purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended, this revised allocation is to be considered as an allocation included in the budget resolution, pursuant to section 427(b) of S. Con. Res. 13.